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Title: PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY

The prior application is assigned of record to First Solar, LLC,
a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
Trademark Office and recorded on October 2, 2002 at 013346/0660, and by virtue of
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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	18
Claims	10
Abstract	1
Declaration	[To be Filed at a Later Date]
Drawing(s)	7

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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. PCT/US02/36743, filed November 15, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Application No. 60/380,862, filed May 17, 2002, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/993,875, filed November 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,617,507. The disclosure of each prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

This application is entitled to small entity status.

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